
WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (Wales) Regulations 2021

PART 1

Introduction

Title, commencement and application

1.—(1) The title of these Regulations is the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (Wales) Regulations 2021.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 10 September 2021.

(3) These Regulations apply to Wales except paragraph 2 of Schedule 5 which applies to both England and Wales.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“the Act” (“*y Ddeddf*”) means the Animal Welfare Act 2006;

“adult dog” (“*ci llawndwf*”) means a dog which is not less than 6 months old;

“general condition” (“*amod cyffredinol*”) means the conditions set out in Schedule 2;

“kitten” (“*cath fach*”) means a cat aged less than 6 months;

“licence” (“*trwydded*”), except as the context otherwise requires in regulation 10(1)(b) or where more specifically provided, means a licence to carry on a licensable activity granted or renewed under these Regulations and cognate expressions are to be construed accordingly;

“licence conditions” (“*amodau trwydded*”) means—

(a) the general conditions, and

(b) the relevant specific conditions;

“licensable activity” (“*gweithgaredd trwyddedadwy*”) means an activity described in paragraph 2 of Schedule 1;

“local authority” (“*awdurdod lleol*”) means the council for a county or county borough in Wales;

“operator” (“*gweithredwr*”) means an individual who—

(a) carries on, attempts to carry on or knowingly allows to be carried on a licensable activity, or

(b) where a licence has been granted or renewed, is the licence holder;

“pet” (“*anifail anwes*”) means an animal mainly or permanently, or intended to be mainly or permanently, kept by a person for—

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- (a) personal interest,
- (b) companionship,
- (c) ornamental purposes, or
- (d) any combination of paragraphs (a) to (c);

“puppy” (“*ci bach*”) means a dog aged less than 6 months;

“relevant specific conditions” (“*amodau penodol perthnasol*”) means, in relation to the activity of selling animals as pets (or with a view to their being later resold as pets) as described in paragraph 2 of Schedule 1, the conditions set out in Schedule 3;

“veterinary surgeon” (“*milfeddyg*”) means a person registered in the register of veterinary surgeons, or the supplementary veterinary register, kept under the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1996(1).

Licencing of operators

3.—(1) Each licensable activity is a specified activity for the purposes of section 13(1) of the Act.

(2) A local authority is the licensing authority for any licensable activity carried on in premises in its area.